

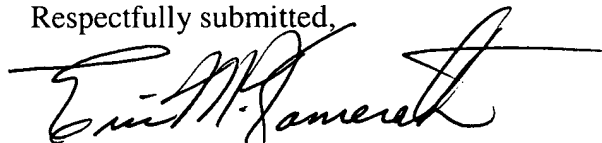
REMARKS

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 10, 40, and 42 (claims 1, 5-10, 12-14, 16, 18-21, 24-25, 27-29, 31-34, and 36-43 are pending) to recite only positive limitations. For example, phrases such as "rather than comparing the client copy of the resource to the server version of the resource" and "without having to compare the client version of the resource to the server version of the resource" that were used to contrast certain aspects of Applicants' claimed invention with possible alternatives, have been removed. Nevertheless, these possible alternatives are helpful in understanding that, in accordance with Applicants' claimed invention (e.g., claim 1), whether or not a conflict exists between a server copy of a resource and a client copy of the resource is determined by comparing a server resource *tag* that is representative of the server copy of the resource to a client resource *tag* that is representative of the client copy of the resource, and not by comparing the *client copy* of the resource directly to the *server copy* of the resource. Applicants also have changed the phrase "without fear of overwriting" to "without overwriting" in the preambles of each independent claim in order to state more directly what Applicants' invention may help to accomplish.

For the record, Applicants submit that the amendments to independent claims 1, 10, 40, and 42 do not narrow the scope of any claim, and therefore do not evince an intent to surrender any subject matter. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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